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TIME-TABLE

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NIGHT CARS.

10 p.m. and 11.00 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.
Every Half-Hour.

11.00 p.m. to 11.45 p.m. Every Quarter-Hour.

SUNDAYS.

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KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

TIME-TABLE.

On and after SATURDAY, 22nd SEPTEMBER, 1917, until further Notice.

DOWN TRAINS.

Stations	No. 3 Through Express a.m.	No. 5 Local a.m.	No. 7 Through Express a.m.	No. 9 Local a.m.	No. 11 Through Express p.m.	No. 13 Local p.m.	No. 15 Through Express p.m.	No. 17 Local p.m.	No. 19 Through Express p.m.
KANTON	7.35	8.35	11.10	12.10	1.35	2.35	3.35	4.35	5.35
Sham Shui	7.40	8.40	11.15	12.15	1.40	2.40	3.40	4.40	5.40
Sham Shui	7.45	8.45	11.20	12.20	1.45	2.45	3.45	4.45	5.45
Sham Shui	7.50	8.50	11.25	12.25	1.50	2.50	3.50	4.50	5.50
Sham Shui	7.55	8.55	11.30	12.30	1.55	2.55	3.55	4.55	5.55
Sham Shui	8.00	9.00	11.35	12.35	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	6.00
Sham Shui	8.05	9.05	11.40	12.40	2.05	3.05	4.05	5.05	6.05
Sham Shui	8.10	9.10	11.45	12.45	2.10	3.10	4.10	5.10	6.10
Sham Shui	8.15	9.15	11.50	12.50	2.15	3.15	4.15	5.15	6.15
Sham Shui	8.20	9.20	11.55	12.55	2.20	3.20	4.20	5.20	6.20
Sham Shui	8.25	9.25	12.00	1.00	2.25	3.25	4.25	5.25	6.25
Sham Shui	8.30	9.30	12.05	1.05	2.30	3.30	4.30	5.30	6.30
Sham Shui	8.35	9.35	12.10	1.10	2.35	3.35	4.35	5.35	6.35
Sham Shui	8.40	9.40	12.15	1.15	2.40	3.40	4.40	5.40	6.40
Sham Shui	8.45	9.45	12.20	1.20	2.45	3.45	4.45	5.45	6.45
Sham Shui	8.50	9.50	12.25	1.25	2.50	3.50	4.50	5.50	6.50
Sham Shui	8.55	9.55	12.30	1.30	2.55	3.55	4.55	5.55	6.55
Sham Shui	9.00	10.00	12.35	1.35	3.00	4.00	5.00	6.00	7.00
Sham Shui	9.05	10.05	12.40	1.40	3.05	4.05	5.05	6.05	7.05
Sham Shui	9.10	10.10	12.45	1.45	3.10	4.10	5.10	6.10	7.10
Sham Shui	9.15	10.15	12.50	1.50	3.15	4.15	5.15	6.15	7.15
Sham Shui	9.20	10.20	12.55	1.55	3.20	4.20	5.20	6.20	7.20
Sham Shui	9.25	10.25	1.00	2.00	3.25	4.25	5.25	6.25	7.25
Sham Shui	9.30	10.30	1.05	2.05	3.30	4.30	5.30	6.30	7.30
Sham Shui	9.35	10.35	1.10	2.10	3.35	4.35	5.35	6.35	7.35
Sham Shui	9.40	10.40	1.15	2.15	3.40	4.40	5.40	6.40	7.40
Sham Shui	9.45	10.45	1.20	2.20	3.45	4.45	5.45	6.45	7.45
Sham Shui	9.50	10.50	1.25	2.25	3.50	4.50	5.50	6.50	7.50
Sham Shui	9.55	10.55	1.30	2.30	3.55	4.55	5.55	6.55	7.55
Sham Shui	10.00	11.00	1.35	2.35	4.00	5.00	6.00	7.00	8.00
Sham Shui	10.05	11.05	1.40	2.40	4.05	5.05	6.05	7.05	8.05
Sham Shui	10.10	11.10	1.45	2.45	4.10	5.10	6.10	7.10	8.10
Sham Shui	10.15	11.15	1.50	2.50	4.15	5.15	6.15	7.15	8.15
Sham Shui	10.20	11.20	1.55	2.55	4.20	5.20	6.20	7.20	8.20
Sham Shui	10.25	11.25	2.00	3.00	4.25	5.25	6.25	7.25	8.25
Sham Shui	10.30	11.30	2.05	3.05	4.30	5.30	6.30	7.30	8.30
Sham Shui	10.35	11.35	2.10	3.10	4.35	5.35	6.35	7.35	8.35
Sham Shui	10.40	11.40	2.15	3.15	4.40	5.40	6.40	7.40	8.40
Sham Shui	10.45	11.45	2.20	3.20	4.45	5.45	6.45	7.45	8.45
Sham Shui	10.50	11.50	2.25	3.25	4.50	5.50	6.50	7.50	8.50
Sham Shui	10.55	11.55	2.30	3.30	4.55	5.55	6.55	7.55	8.55
Sham Shui	11.00	12.00	2.35	3.35	5.00	6.00	7.00	8.00	9.00
Sham Shui	11.05	12.05	2.40	3.40	5.05	6.05	7.05	8.05	9.05
Sham Shui	11.10	12.10	2.45	3.45	5.10	6.10	7.10	8.10	9.10
Sham Shui	11.15	12.15	2.50	3.50	5.15	6.15	7.15	8.15	9.15
Sham Shui	11.20	12.20	2.55	3.55	5.20	6.20	7.20	8.20	9.20
Sham Shui	11.25	12.25	3.00	4.00	5.25	6.25	7.25	8.25	9.25
Sham Shui	11.30	12.30	3.05	4.05	5.30	6.30	7.30	8.30	9.30
Sham Shui	11.35	12.35	3.10	4.10	5.35	6.35	7.35	8.35	9.35
Sham Shui	11.40	12.40	3.15	4.15	5.40	6.40	7.40	8.40	9.40
Sham Shui	11.45	12.45	3.20	4.20	5.45	6.45	7.45	8.45	9.45
Sham Shui	11.50	12.50	3.25	4.25	5.50	6.50	7.50	8.50	9.50
Sham Shui	11.55	12.55	3.30	4.30	5.55	6.55	7.55	8.55	9.55
Sham Shui	12.00	1.00	3.35	4.35	6.00	7.00	8.00	9.00	10.00
Sham Shui	12.05	1.05	3.40	4.40	6.05	7.05	8.05	9.05	10.05
Sham Shui	12.10	1.10	3.45	4.45	6.10	7.10	8.10	9.10	10.10
Sham Shui	12.15	1.15	3.50	4.50	6.15	7.15	8.15	9.15	10.15
Sham Shui	12.20	1.20	3.55	4.55	6.20	7.20	8.20	9.20	10.20
Sham Shui	12.25	1.25	4.00	5.00	6.25	7.25	8.25	9.25	10.25
Sham Shui	12.30	1.30	4.05	5.05	6.30	7.30	8.30	9.30	10.30
Sham Shui	12.35	1.35	4.10	5.10	6.35	7.35	8.35	9.35	10.35
Sham Shui	12.40	1.40	4.15	5.15	6.40	7.40	8.40	9.40	10.40
Sham Shui	12.45	1.45	4.20	5.20	6.45	7.45	8.45	9.45	10.45
Sham Shui	12.50	1.50	4.25	5.25	6.50	7.50	8.50	9.50	10.50
Sham Shui	12.55	1.55	4.30	5.30	6.55	7.55	8.55	9.55	10.55
Sham Shui	1.00	2.00	4.35	5.35	7.00	8.00	9.00	10.00	11.00
Sham Shui	1.05	2.05	4.40	5.40	7.05	8.05	9.05	10.05	11.05
Sham Shui	1.10	2.10	4.45	5.45	7.10	8.10	9.10	10.10	11.10
Sham Shui	1.15	2.15	4.50	5.50	7.15	8.15	9.15	10.15	11.15
Sham Shui	1.20	2.20	4.55	5.55	7.20	8.20	9.20	10.20	11.20
Sham Shui	1.25	2.25	5.00	6.00	7.25	8.25	9.25	10.25	11.25
Sham Shui	1.30	2.30	5.05	6.05	7.30	8.30	9.30	10.30	11.30
Sham Shui	1.35	2.35	5.10	6.10	7.35	8.35	9.35	10.35	11.35
Sham Shui	1.40	2.40	5.15	6.15	7.40	8.40	9.40	10.40	11.40
Sham Shui	1.45	2.45	5.20	6.20	7.45	8.45	9.45	10.45	11.45
Sham Shui	1.50	2.50	5.25	6.25	7.50	8.50	9.50	10.50	11.50
Sham Shui	1.55	2.55	5.30	6.30	7.55	8.55	9.55	10.55	11.55
Sham Shui	2.00	3.00	5.35	6.35	8.00	9.00	10.00	11.00	12.00
Sham Shui	2.05	3.05	5.40	6.40	8.05	9.05	10.05	11.05	12.05
Sham Shui	2.10	3.10	5.45	6.45	8.10	9.10	10.10	11.10	12.10
Sham Shui	2.15	3.15	5.50	6.50	8.15	9.15	10.15	11.15	12.15
Sham Shui	2.20	3.20	5.55	6.55	8.20	9.20	10.20	11.20	12.20
Sham Shui	2.25	3.25	6.00	7.00	8.25	9.25	10.25	11.25	12.25
Sham Shui	2.30	3.30	6.05	7.05	8.30	9.30	10.30	11.30	12.30
Sham Shui	2.35	3.35	6.10	7.10	8.35	9.35	10.35	11.35	12.35
Sham Shui	2.40	3.40	6.15	7.15	8.40	9.40	10.40	11.40	12.40
Sham Shui	2.45	3.45	6.20	7.20	8.45	9.45	10.45	11.45	12.45
Sham Shui	2.50	3.50	6.25	7.25	8.50	9.50	10.50	11.50	12.50
Sham Shui	2.55	3.55	6.30	7.30	8.55	9.55	10.55	11.55	12.55
Sham Shui	3.00	4.00	6.35	7.35	9.00	10.00	11.00	12.00	1.00
Sham Shui	3.05	4.05	6.40	7.40	9.05	10.05	11.05	12.05	1.05
Sham Shui	3.10	4.10	6.45	7.45	9.10	10.10	11.10	12.10	1.10
Sham Shui	3.15	4.15	6.50	7.50	9.15	10.15	11.15	12.15	1.15
Sham Shui	3.20	4.20	6.55	7.55	9.20	10.20	11.20	12.20	1.20
Sham Shui	3.25	4.25	7.00	8.00	9.25	10.25	11.25	12.25	1.25
Sham Shui	3.30	4.30	7.05	8.05	9.30	10.30	11.30	12.30	1.30
Sham Shui	3.35	4.35	7.10	8.10	9.35	10.35	11.35	12.35	1.35
Sham Shui	3.40	4.40	7.15	8.15	9.40	10.40	11.40	12.40	1.40
Sham Shui	3.45	4.45	7.20	8.20	9.45	10.45	11.45	12.45	1.45
Sham Shui	3.50	4.50	7.25	8.25	9.50	10.50	11.50	12.50	1.50
Sham Shui	3.55	4.55	7.30	8.30	9.55	10.55	11.55	12.55	1.55
Sham Shui	4.00	5.00	7.35	8.35	10.00	11.00	12.00	1.00	2.00
Sham Shui	4.05	5.05	7.40	8.40	10.05	11.05	12.05	1.05	2.05
Sham Shui	4.10	5.10	7.45	8.45	10.10	11.10	12.10	1.10	2.10
Sham Shui	4.15	5.15	7.50	8.50	10.15	11.15	12.15	1.15	2.15
Sham Shui	4.20	5.20	7.55	8.55	10.20	11.20	12.20	1.20	2.20
Sham Shui	4.25	5.25	8.00	9.00	10.25	11.25	12.25	1.25	2.25
Sham Shui	4.30	5.30	8.05	9.05	10.30	11.30	12.30	1.30	2.30
Sham Shui	4.35	5.35	8.10	9.10	10.35	11.35	12.35	1.35	2.35
Sham Shui	4.40	5.40	8.15	9.15	10.40	11.40	12.40	1.40	2.40
Sham Shui	4.45	5.45	8.20	9.20	10.45	11.45	12.45	1.45	2.45
Sham Shui	4.50	5.50	8.25	9.25	10.50	11.50	12.50	1.50	2.50
Sham Shui	4.55	5.55	8.30	9.30	10.55	11.55	12.55	1.55	2.55
Sham Shui	5.00	6.00	8.35	9.35	11.00	12.00	1.00	2.00	3.00
Sham Shui	5.05	6.05	8.40	9.40	11.05	12.05	1.05	2.05	3.05
Sham Shui	5.10	6.10	8.45	9.45	11.10	12.10	1.10	2.10	3.10
Sham Shui	5.15	6.15	8.50	9.50	11.15	12.15	1.15	2.15	3.15
Sham Shui	5.20	6.20	8.55	9.55	11.20	12.20	1.20	2.20	3.20
Sham Shui	5.25	6.25	9.00	10.00	11.25	12.25	1.25	2.25	3.25
Sham Shui	5.30	6.30	9.05	10.05	11.30	12.30	1.30	2.30	3.30
Sham Shui	5.35	6.35	9.10	10.10	11.35	12.35	1.35	2.35	3.35
Sham Shui	5.40	6.40	9.15	10.15	11.40	12.40	1.40	2.40	3.40
Sham Shui	5.45	6.45	9.20	10.20	11.45	12.45	1.45	2.45	3.45
Sham Shui	5.50	6.50	9.25	10.25	11.50	12.50	1.50	2.50	3.50
Sham Shui	5.55	6.55	9.30	10.30	11.55	12.55	1.55	2.55	3.55
Sham Shui	6.00	7.00	9.35	10.35	12.00	1.00	2.00	3.00	4.00
Sham Shui	6.05	7.05	9.40	10.40	12.05	1.05	2.05	3.05	4.05

A member of the first Canadian-American joint expedition, to Kuroppe describes an event which is probably unique in the annals of Freemasonry. He writes "Masons in their initiation are taught the universality of their craft. This was brought home to those on board by the Convocation of an Officers' Lodge, "Somewhere at Sea" Sunday night, when fifty-six responded to the roll. The lodge was opened and closed in the Master Mason's degree. Lodges all the way from Alaska to the Philippines were represented. All the ancient usages and established customs were respected. Members before initiation were, of course, given due trial, strict examination, and proper initiation. A respectable sum of money was given to the captain of the boat, for Minerva Lodge, Birkenhead, who will turn it over to the Grand Lodge of England. American officers are invariably generous; and on this occasion there were no exceptions."

in Great Variety.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

"OUR DAY"

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS after 1 P.M. TO-DAY (THURSDAY), the 18th October, 1917.

By Order,

A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th October, 1917. [1172]

MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

"OUR DAY."

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all MARINE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS after 1 P.M. TO-DAY (THURSDAY), the 18th October, 1917.

By Order,

A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th October, 1917. [1173]

"OUR DAY"

EVENING FETE AT THE BOTANICAL GARDENS.

IN consequence of the GREAT SALE OF SEATS for the EVENING FETE TO-DAY (THURSDAY), it has been found necessary to arrange for a REPERTITION OF THE PERFORMANCE ON FRIDAY, the 19th INSTANT, when the Programme will be the same as on THURSDAY.

On Thursday evening, all entrance tickets will be available, and seating accommodation will be provided for 25 reserved seat tickets, but not for 21 unreserved seat tickets.

On Friday evening 21 seat tickets will be available without further charge for admission.

[1171]

"OUR DAY"

DURING THE DRAWING OF WAR BONDS

THE ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

will give a Display on the Murray Parade Ground.

MARCH PAST with the Brigade's Bugle Band at 3 P.M.

FULLY EQUIPPED FIELD HOSPITAL TENT under charge of V.A.D. Nursing Sisters.

COMPETITIONS:—
1. Company Drill.
2. Kit Inspection, &c.
3. Stretcher Work and Field Practice in First Aid.

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"OUR DAY."

THE EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for EXCHANGE BUSINESS TO-DAY (THURSDAY), the 18th instant, at 1 P.M.

Hongkong, 18th October, 1917. [1167]

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE will be CLOSED TO-DAY (THURSDAY), 18th instant, at 1 o'clock P.M. "OUR DAY."

By Order of the Committee,

H. HANCOCK,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th October, 1917. [1161]

G. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 22nd day of October, 1917, at 8 P.M., at the Office of the PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, by Order of His EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Nathan Road, Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 10 years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Relativity No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements (Approximate).	Contents (Approximate).	Area (Approximate).	Upset Price.
1	100	Lot 100, Nathan Road, Kowloon.	72 feet by 50 feet.	3,000 sq. ft.	0.2700	2,700

[1161]

ON SALE.

HONGKONG HANSARD REPORTS of the MEETINGS of the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for the Session, 1916.

REVISED BY THE MEMBERS.

PRICE \$5.

Daily Press Office

INTIMATIONS

THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LIMITED.

THE SIXTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, No. 6, Connaught Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 20th day of October, 1917, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Manager for the year ending the 31st July, 1917, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 15th to 18th of October, 1917, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 5th October, 1917. [1130]

NOTICE.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

THE CERTIFICATE for one Share No. 14011 in this Company standing in the name of WILLIAM DE ROSSER of Yokohama, Japan, has been LOST, and if at the expiration of one month from the date hereof the above document be not forthcoming, another Certificate for the said Share will be issued by the Company and thereafter no other will be acknowledged.

C. H. P. HAY,
per pro. General Manager.

Hongkong, 4th October, 1917. [1118]

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD. NOTICE.

THE CERTIFICATE No. 4309 for two Shares Nos. 8771 and 17546 in this Company standing in the name of Mrs. ANNA JOSEFA CARNERO DE LECAROS (deceased), late of Macao, has been LOST, and if at the expiration of one month from the date hereof the above document be not forthcoming, another certificate for the said Shares will be issued by the Company and thereafter no other will be acknowledged.

C. H. P. HAY,
per pro. General Manager.

Hongkong, 5th October, 1917. [1119]

G. R.

TWIN SCREW STEAMER "ALACRITY."

1,016 tons gross. Built 1885.

SALE of the above steamer—her hull tackle Furniture, Machinery and Boilers as she lies at H.M. Dockyard, Hongkong.

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF TENDER.

(1) The vessel is offered for sale as she now lies to British or Allied firms for cargo-carrying purposes. The Admiralty take no responsibility for any damage or defects that may now or hereafter exist, and do not guarantee any portion of the vessel to be fit for further use.

(2) Intending tenderers or their accredited Hongkong agents will be required to deposit the sum of \$500 Hongkong Currency in Bank Notes with the Secretary and Cashier of the Dockyard, who will issue the authorised form of tender in return. This deposit will be returnable in the case of unsuccessful tenderers after the announcement of the result of the tender, and will be counted as part of the purchase money in the case of the successful tenderers. No tenders will be recognised which are not made out on the authorised form of tender, and no interest will be paid on tenderers' deposits.

(3) All tenders should reach the Office of the Commodore-in-Charge, Hongkong, not later than noon on the 3rd December, 1917, at which time and date the tenders will be opened. Tenderers will not be admitted.

(4) The vendors are not bound to accept the highest or any tender, but have the liberty to call for entirely fresh tenders or to dispose of the vessel in any other way they may think fit. In the event of identical tenders the vendors reserve their rights of acceptance or rejection.

(5) Should the acceptance of any tender be notified the successful tenderer will be required immediately to deposit one-fourth of the purchase money, and to pay the balance of the purchase money within one month from the date of such notification, and the vessel will be at purchaser's risk from the date of the notification.

(6) Further particulars regarding the conditions of sale, and a list of fittings to be sold with the ship, can be obtained from the Naval Store Officer, H.M. Dockyard, Hongkong.

(7) The vessel will be open to inspection from the 24th October to the 28th November, both days inclusive, between the hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. Inspecting orders can be obtained from the Office of the Commodore, H.M. Dockyard, Hongkong.

R. W. MYBURGH, Commander, for Commodore and Senior Naval Officers, Hongkong.

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G. R.

NOTICE

ANY EUROPEAN, Non-Asiatic or Indian desiring to leave the Colony should apply in person at the CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO. between the hours of 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. and 2 P.M. to 4 P.M. daily.

Applicants will be required to produce Passports or identification papers.

All persons with certain exceptions who remain in the Colony for more than 7 days are required to Register themselves under the REGISTRATION or PERSONS ORDINANCE 1916.

Forms of Registration giving the particulars required may be obtained at the G.P.O. and at all Police Stations.

The Penalty for non-compliance is a fine not exceeding \$50.

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ON SALE.

BOUND VOLUMES of the HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS, JANUARY to JUNE, 1917.

With Index, Price \$7.50.

On Sale at the HONGKONG DAILY PRESS Office.

HOUSES TO LET

TO LET OR FOR SALE.

No. 47, CONDUIT ROAD.

Apply to—

COMPRADORE DEPT.,
Messrs. KARAHIA & Co.,
2, Connaught Road, Central.
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TO LET.

IMMEDIATE entry. Four very desirable SHOPS, situated in Lee House Street, opposite the Grand Hotel, recently reconstructed.

For rent and other particulars apply to—
THE MANAGER,
HONGKONG FOR CO., LTD.,
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[900]

TO LET.

OFFICES at 2, Connaught Road Central.

OFFICE in King's Buildings.
HOUSES in Merton Terrace and Wengachong Road.
HOUSES on Shamoon, Canton.

Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.
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TO LET.

A FLAT in Nathan Road, Kowloon.

FOUR-ROOMED HOUSES in Kowloon.

Apply to—

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Alexandra Buildings
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TO BE SOLD.

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FOR Old-Established Printing and Stationery business in North China. Must be a thoroughly experienced man. Apply, with copies of testimonials, to—
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NURSE for two Children aged 3 and 5 years. European or Portuguese.

Apply with references to—
Mrs. W. L. LEASK,
No. 121, Peak.
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FOR SALE.

USED MIXED POSTAGE STAMPS, with duplicates, in Bags of—

800 Stamps for \$2.50 4000 Stamps for \$2.00
1000 " " 0.61 5000 " " 2.80
2000 " " 1.80 8000 " " 3.00
3000 " " 1.50 9000 " " 4.00

GRACA & CO.

No 4, WYNDHAM STREET, Hongkong.

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VEGETABLE AND FLOWER SEEDS.

FRESH CROP of 1917 having been just collected orders

solicited for Autumn or early Spring sowing.

List will be mailed free on application.

THE YOKOHAMA NURSERY

Co., Ltd.,

P.O. Box 72,

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN.

[1108]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE

THE Steamship

"KWAISANG," having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are notified that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained. Goods not cleared by the 20th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined.

Claims against the Steamer must be presented within 10 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countermanded by JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers.

Hongkong, 15th October, 1917. [115]

INTIMATION

DEWAR'S

"Imperial Institute"

SCOTCH

WHISKY

The Whisky of your forefathers.

SOLE AGENTS:

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.,

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,

TELEPHONE 616.

BIRTH.

WALLER.—At Foochoo, on the 17th inst., the wife of STEPHEN R. WALLER, of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., a son.

[1171]

HONGKONG OFFICE: 10, DES VOGES ROAD, C. LONDON, OFFICE: 121, FLEET STREET, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, 18th OCTOBER, 1917.

OUR MERCANTILE MARINE.

It has frequently been said that shipping is the life-blood of Hongkong, and it requires but a short residence in the Colony to realise the truth of the statement. Though the possibility of a cessation of imports and exports may have occurred to some since the outbreak of war the probability has never been seriously considered. Faith in the Royal Navy and the mercantile marine has never wavered. No Briton ever paid any serious heed to the threats of the Germans to cut the means of communication between the various members of the Empire by the aid of their submarines. We recognised that the contemptible campaign might produce inconveniences, but that it would ever succeed in accomplishing its authors' designs we refused to believe. This may be regarded as a sincere, if silent, tribute to our Navy and mercantile marine, but it does not, of course, discharge our obligation to them.

The shipping of the Colony has, however, been seriously curtailed by the war. Never have such prices obtained for freights. It is stated on good authority, that the cost of transporting a motor-car from the United States to Hongkong is greater than the purchase price. The great increase which has taken place in the value of cargo space is, of course, due to the war, but it is not all due to the German submarine campaign. When we examine the shipping situation carefully we find that the main cause of the shortage of tonnage is not war wastage, but the utilisation of ships for war purposes. There has, of course, been a shrinkage of the tonnage of the British mercantile marine, and it would be foolish to pretend that the results of the efforts

of the Germans at sea have been negligible. At the outset of the war the fleet of the United Kingdom consisted of about eighteen million tons, and now it has fallen to fifteen million tons. It must be remembered, however, that during the first three years of the war the construction of merchant ships in the United Kingdom was only about one-third that of pre-war days. The shipyards were increasing, enormously, the striking and defensive power of the Royal Navy. They have brought that up to such a pitch of perfection that, in the absence of any heavy naval losses, they are able now to concentrate their attention upon building standardised ships for the merchant service. It is, however, as well to view this German submarine campaign in its proper perspective and not to be led away, as the Germans desire, by wild statements and unexplained statistics. We have it on expert authority that, had it been possible to maintain the pre-war shipbuilding output, the mercantile tonnage of the United Kingdom would have shown an increase at the end of three years of war. We need not despair, if the war continues, that the shipyards of Britain will turn out ships faster than the submarines and mines of Germany can sink them. The first of the new standardised ships of 8,000 tons deadweight capacity was due to be ready at the end of August and is, perhaps, now at sea. The history of the production of munitions in Britain makes us sanguine of the results of organised efforts in shipbuilding.

The chief cause of limited tonnage for trade purposes, and the consequent high freights, is that two out of every five tons in the British mercantile marine is being used to meet the demands of the British forces in the field, the Allies, and the Overseas Dominions. It is only necessary to remember that in the first thirty months of the war, some eight million men were carried over the sea, together with horses, baggage and millions of tons of supplies and munitions, in order to realise why there is such a demand for ships for war purposes. After three years of fighting, the Imperial Government has taken control of all merchant shipping. With the exception of a few vessels in distant waters employed on work vital to British Colonies, and of vessels chartered to France and Italy, about ninety-seven per cent. of the ocean-going tonnage of the United Kingdom have been requisitioned for hire at Government rates; and all British liners have also been taken over. The British Government now directs every ocean-going voyage of a British steamer, and, in the interests of the Empire, disregards the interests both of the shipowner and the exporter. It is an extraordinary situation, but the owners have made it possible by their patriotic co-operation. It is not, however, the owners only who have shown their practical patriotism. We can never forget, for a moment, the daily heroism of the officers and crews of those merchant ships which pass through the danger-zones. Their calmness in the face of hidden terrors is the admiration of the world. Nor should we overlook their plucky, and often successful, efforts to destroy the German pirate-craft. The officers and men of our mercantile marine have suddenly revealed the fighting spirit of Drake and the Elizabethan heroes. They have never held back from the unequal fight in which their foes have nearly all of the advantages so far as weapons are concerned. In a world-struggle which has brought out wonderful self-sacrifice and devotion to duty amongst all classes the British mercantile marine has won a great moral victory over savage terrorism, and we hope that every ship which has passed through the danger-zone will, when the war is over, carry some permanent memento of her heroic past.

We cannot leave this subject of the British mercantile marine without a word to the people in Hongkong. We do not wish to minimise what they have done for the Empire during the war, for we are justly proud of the Colony's contributions in men and money. We know, also, that the men in business are often doing their ordinary work and that of a comrade who has gone to the front, while in addition, they have to perform their drills and meet the demands made by charity on their time and purse. They have had so much to engage their attention and energy that we do not wish to offer any direct or implied rebuke. We merely put forward a gentle reminder

that in future the Colony, as a whole, might more readily show its appreciation of the inestimable work of the British mercantile marine. Hongkong, if not actually the biggest port in the world, is one of the biggest, and, as we have said, its very existence depends upon its shipping. Let us never forget the heroism of the officers and men on the vessels which fly the red ensign, but take every opportunity possible to show them that we understand, and are grateful for, what they have done for us, for the Empire, and for humanity.

Reading matter for the troops has been received from Capt. Lindberg, s.s. *Patchan*.

Dr. W. W. Pearce, M.O.H. of Hongkong, leaves the Colony to-day (Thursday) for Home, where he will take up war work.

Many readers who knew Inspector Withers, formerly of the Hongkong Police, will be interested to learn that he has been given a commission in the Chinese Labour Corps, and is now in France.

Mr. H. Cadman, of the Amey branch of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., leaves to-day to volunteer for active service. He has lost one brother at the Front. Another brother is the well-known professor of mining.

The Police have received a report from a Chinese that some person picked the pocket of his coat, which was hanging on a peg, and stole \$21 in Singapore money and a \$5 War Lottery Ticket No. M. 0373.

News has been received that Mr. C. W. Brett, formerly of the Hongkong Sanitary Department, died in England recently. Mr. Brett, who had a wide circle of friends in the Colony, retired on pension a few years ago.

As the total entries for the Royal Hongkong Golf Club Championship competition do not exceed 32 the qualifying round fixed for Sunday, the 21st inst., is cancelled. The Championship commences on Sunday, 28th inst.

The manager of a Chinese shop at 209, Wing Lok Street has reported to the Police that his accountant absconded on the 12th instant with \$5,500 in bank notes belonging to the firm, and also with \$14,580 in notes deposited in his possession for safe custody by a man in Canton.

A Whist Drive was held by the Royal Naval Quadrille Club on Tuesday evening. Prizes were won by the following:—Ladies—1st, Mrs. Bower; 2nd, Mrs. Collins; 3rd, Mrs. Harrison. Men—1st, Mr. Rowe; 2nd, Mr. Seacombe; 3rd, C.Q.M.S. Reakes, R.E. Chief Writer Smith, R.N., carried out the duties of M.C. It was announced that the usual winter dances will commence on the first Tuesday in November.

The wedding of Mr. G. Stark, of the China Light and Power Company, and Miss Edith McLeod, only daughter of Mr. W. McLeod, of the Victoria Gaol staff, was celebrated at the Union Church yesterday morning. The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald officiating. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a becoming gown of white satin, and was attended by Miss Peggy McKay, as bridesmaid. Mr. Kay carried out the duties of "best man." Subsequently a reception was held at the Hongkong Hotel, and later in the day the newly-married couple left for Macao for their honeymoon. Among the numerous wedding gifts was a handsome silver salver presented to the bridegroom by Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Company.

A FACTION FIGHT.

NIPPED IN THE BUD BY THE POLICE.

A Sanitary Board cooie was charged before Mr. Dyer Ball at the Magistracy yesterday with the illegal possession of a dagger.

It was stated that the Police received information that there was going to be a faction fight between the Sanitary Board cooies and the cooies of the Tea House Guild. The Police proceeded to Tai Ping Shan, where they saw a mob looking very aggressive and ready for the fray. Defendant was seen with a dagger, and was arrested. It was suggested that if the Police had not been on the scene at the time there would probably have been a very serious fight.

The case was remanded.

THE WAR.

THE PREMIER'S MESSAGE TO SIR DOUGLAS HAIG.

ACTIVITIES IN THE GULF OF RIGA.

MUTINIES IN THE AUSTRIAN NAVY.

Franco-Belgian Front.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

EFFECTIVE COUNTER-BATTERY WORK.

LONDON, October 17th.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: Our patrols were active on the battle front and brought in a few prisoners.

There was considerable reciprocal artillery activity.

Owing to the clearer weather, we carried out much effective counter-battery work.

The South Midlanders raided trenches last night, in the neighbourhood of Roux and inflicted casualties. Another raid to the northward of Lens yielded us a few prisoners.

Our fire, early this morning, repulsed a strong raiding party to the south-westward of Acheville.

Our aeroplanes, yesterday, machine-gunned enemy infantry from low altitudes. They dropped two tons of bombs on a large dump at Courtrai and other targets. We brought down five enemy machines. Three of ours are missing.

FRENCH REPULSE RAIDS.

PARIS, October 17th.

A communiqué states:—After a lively bombardment, several enemy raids on the Aisne front, to the south of Courtrai, were repulsed.

There was a lively artillery duel in the region of the plateau.

PREMIER CONGRATULATES SIR DOUGLAS HAIG.

ASSURANCES OF CONFIDENCE.

LONDON, October 16th.

The Press Bureau announces that Mr. Lloyd George has sent the following message to Sir Douglas Haig:—"The War Cabinet desires to congratulate you and your troops on the achievements of the armies in Flanders in the great battle which has been raging since July 31st, starting from positions in which every advantage rested with the enemy, and hampered by the most unfavourable weather. You and your men, nevertheless, have continuously driven back the enemy with skill, courage and pertinacity, commanding the grateful admiration of the peoples of the Empire and filling the enemy with alarm. I desire to renew my personal assurance of my confidence in your leadership and in the devotion of those you command."

EARLIER CABLES.

BRITISH FRONT.

IRISH TROOPS IN SUCCESSFUL RAID.

LONDON, October 16th.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—Irish troops successfully raided north-west of Bullecourt.

There was considerable hostile artillery firing during the night in the neighbourhood of the Ypres-Staden railway.

FRENCH FRONT.

GENERAL WARFARE.

PARIS, October 16th.

A communiqué states:—On the Aisne front the reciprocal artillery firing is less intense.

On the left bank of the Meuse, we repulsed an attack north of Hill 304.

On the right of the Meuse, the artillery duel is particularly active north of Bois des Caprières.

Germans aircraft last night bombarded Dunkirk. There were no victims, nor was there any material damage.

Russian Front.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, October 16th.

A wireless German official message states: We prisoners a further 1,100 at Sworbe Peninsula.

The Near East.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ACTIVITY NEAR MONASTIR.

LONDON, October 17th.

A French Eastern communiqué states: The artillery was active on the whole front, especially to the north of Monastir.

Our troops repelled enemy detachments on the Western bank of Lake Ochrida, who were attempting to land from barques.

The total prisoners taken in the Hamondos raid, mentioned yesterday, has reached 133.

Aerial Activities.

EARLIER CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NAVAL/AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTER ENEMY FORMATIONS.

LONDON, October 16th.

The Admiralty announces:—Naval aircraft carried out a considerable number of patrols yesterday and encountered several enemy formations. We drove down two machines and one of ours is missing.

We carried out bombing raids on Bruges Docks and Varsenaeres and Houtave aerodromes, dropping large quantities of explosives, with good effects.

All our machines returned safely.

The Balkans.

EARLIER CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BALKANS FRONT.

GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, October 16th.

A German official wireless message says the Bulgarians have ceded some villages to the English on the Struma Plain.

General.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

DISAFFECTION IN THE AUSTRIAN NAVY.

ROME, October 17th.

The *Giornale d'Italia* states, on reliable authority, that several extremely serious mutinies, accompanied by scenes of terror and bloodshed, have occurred on several ships of the Austrian Navy, owing to food troubles and inhuman treatment by the officers.

There was a sanguinary encounter at Pola between Austrian crews and a German U boat flotilla, owing to the tyranny of the latter. They were only subdued by the intervention of naval patrols, in which a number of German sailors were killed.

Afterwards, the U boats were ordered to another base.

Disaffection in the Austrian Navy is increasing in a threatening manner.

THE GERMAN LOSSES IN FLANDERS.

LONDON, October 17th.

Reuter learns that the most careful estimates show that German losses in the recent battles in Flanders exceed the British losses by 75 per cent.

TYPICAL OF THE BULLY.

ZURICH, October 17th.

In view of the forthcoming British air offensive on southern Germany the changing tone of the enemy Press is typical of the bully.

The *Muencheur Post* has now discovered that air raids on open towns have simply stiffened the determination of the people and expresses a fervent hope that this horrible slaughter of defenceless persons will cease forthwith.

The German newspapers have decided, in future, not to print the speeches of enemy Statesmen so fully, substituting the Wolff Bureau reports.

In a brief summary, the *Frankfurt Zeitung* protests that neither the Press nor the public has got unbounded confidence in the Wolff Bureau which will make the public more anxious to read the neutral Press.

OFFICERS ARRESTED AT ODDESSA.

ODDESSA, October 17th.

A number of officers have been arrested on a charge of planning the seizure of the General Staff of the Military district.

ENEMY HOLDERS OF BRITISH TITLES.

LONDON, October 17th.

The House of Commons has passed the third reading of the Bill depriving enemy holders of British titles.

THE KAISER'S VISIT TO SOFIA.

ONE OF THE OBJECTS.

AMSTERDAM, October 16th.

An article, contributed from a well informed source, to the *Wiener Zeitung*, indicates that one of the objects of the Kaiser's visit to Sofia is to induce Bulgaria to attack General Sarrail's army, with Salonika as the promised reward should the attack prove successful.

The article states that Greece is expected shortly to declare war against Bulgaria, whereupon the latter will bring 800,000 men against General Sarrail and leave 200,000 in the Dobruja.

EARLIER CABLES.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS AND ALSACE-LORRAINE.

AMSTERDAM, October 16th.

Herr Ebert, the President of the Socialist party in the Reichstag, presiding at a Socialist meeting at Wuerzburg, said that a speedy conclusion of peace was a vital necessity to the workmen of all countries. The policy of the mailed fist after the war's frightful horrors would disappear and if a ballot were taken nine-tenths of the people would approve of peace. He declared that the Michaelis régime spells the collapse of the present Government system of Germany.

Herr Scheidemann, referring to the naval mutiny, asserted that if the Government wanted to catch all those concerned in similar incidents they would have to prosecute three hundred persons simultaneously. "Every day soldiers come to us with complaints and we have opened a special bureau to investigate these."

Herr Scheidemann affirmed that Admiral von Capelle would go, but asked when would Dr. Michaelis follow? Another account of the meeting states that Herr Ebert said that the Socialists favoured Alsace-Lorraine having "a complete republican autonomy and constitutional equality with other Federal States."

LATER.

Herr Ebert stated that the number of members had decreased by 70 per cent, partly owing to the members at the front, but six out of 38 district organisations, 57 electoral districts and 21 local unions, had seceded.

ENDANGERING DUTCH NEUTRALITY.

HERR SCHROEDER ACQUITTED.

AMSTERDAM, October 16th.

Herr Schroeder, the editor of the *Telegraaf*, has been finally acquitted after six trials in which he was only convicted once of endangering Dutch neutrality by describing the Central Powers as a group of conscienceless scoundrels who caused the war.

AMERICA AND THE WAR.

HUGE STOCKYARD FIRE.

KANSAS CITY, October 16th.

Half of the city stockyards, the second largest in the country, has been destroyed by fire.

Several thousand head of cattle perished.

The origin of the outbreak has not been determined.

PREVENTING SUPPLIES FOR GERMANY.

WASHINGTON, October 16th.

In continuance of the strict policy of cutting off supplies likely to reach Germany, the War Trade Board publishes an agreement which shippers must sign before exporting goods to branches abroad.

Shippers must guarantee that goods will not go directly or indirectly to Germany or any ally of Germany; also, that they will not be sold or delivered without the written approval of the American Consul at the place of delivery.

CONSOLIDATING GOLD RESERVES.

NEW YORK, October 16th.

President Wilson has issued an appeal to all eligible members of the Federal Reserve Board to join the Board and thus contribute their share to the country's consolidated gold reserve.

There are at present between eight thousand and nine thousand such banks and companies with resources estimated at between twelve billions and sixteen billions of dollars whose activities are controlled by State Laws.

The President desires that these huge resources shall be mobilised under the supervision of the Federal Reserve Board. He says:—"The vigorous prosecution and satisfactory termination of the war will depend to no small degree on the ability of the Government not only to finance itself but to aid the Allies, which must be kept supplied with munitions, fuel and food of all kinds."

GERMAN AGENT ARRESTED.

NEW YORK, October 16th.

A man giving the name of Dunbar, which is not believed to be his real name, has been arrested on a charge of attempting to obtain military or naval information.

Dunbar is an ex-member of the crew of a United States submarine-chaser, and has been spending much of his time near a great naval base on the Atlantic Coast. The Department of Justice regards the arrest as very important, believing that he is a German agent.

THE LOSS OF S.S. "BARI."

ROME, October 16th.

The rescued men from the steamer *Bari* state that the German submarine continued the bombardment after the torpedoing, thereby killing a number of passengers.

KAISER MEETS SULTAN OF TURKEY.

AMSTERDAM, October 16th.

The Kaiser has arrived at Constantinople.

He was welcomed at the station by the Sultan, Princes, the ex-Khedive and notables.

POLAND'S REGENCY COUNCIL.

AMSTERDAM, October 16th.

The Central Powers have appointed the Archbishop of Warsaw, the Mayor of Warsaw, and a landed proprietor, named M. Vonostrowski, as a Regency Council for Poland.

LABOURITIES AND THE COLONIES.

LONDON, October 16th.

In the House of Commons, replying to a question, Lord Robert Cecil stated that the Government was not responsible for the proposals regarding the Colonies which were contained in the Labour Party Memorandum, dated on August 10th. Those proposals did not represent the views of the Government.

[The proposals were that all the present European Colonies in tropical Africa, with Liberia, should be transferred to a League of Nations and administered by an Imperial Commission as a single independent neutral African State.]

PRIME MINISTER'S LIBEL ACTIONS.

DEFENDANTS APOLOGISE AND DEFRAY COSTS.

LONDON, October 16th.

The High Court libel actions by Mr. Lloyd George against the Exchange Telegraph Company, the *Westminster Gazette* and the *Star* have been settled, the defendants apologising and paying costs.

The case arose out of the publication of a paragraph, issued by the Exchange Telegraph Company, stating that on the occasion of the air raid on September 24th the Prime Minister left Downing Street for his country residence, when it became known that raiders were approaching London.

Counsel for the plaintiff contended that the paragraph implied that the Premier was guilty of personal cowardice. The Premier had been informed that the effect of the paragraph, especially in the East End, where many munition workers had suffered greatly in the raids, had been most damaging.

Mr. Lloyd George gave evidence, saying that he left London on the evening of September 24th for Boulogne, accompanied by General Sir William Robertson and Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, in order to confer with M. Painlevé and the French War Chiefs. The Premier stated that no action would have been taken if the paragraph could be regarded as a mere personal attack.

All the defendants declared that no imputation was intended.

CONDITIONS IN IRELAND.

MR. REDMOND'S MOTION.

LONDON, October 16th.

In the House of Commons, Mr. John Redmond gave notice of the following motion:—"That this House deprecates the policy which has been pursued and is being pursued by the Irish Executive, the Government and the Irish Military Authorities at a time when the highest interests of Ireland and the Empire demand the creation of an atmosphere favourable to a successful result of the deliberations of the Irish Convention."

CONTROL OF PETROLEUM SUPPLIES.

LONDON, October 16th.

The House of Commons has adopted the second reading of a Bill assuring Government control of all supplies of petroleum discovered in the United Kingdom.

Mr. E. G. Prentice representing the Board of Trade, said that certain eminent geologists both here and from the United States, were of the opinion that local conditions in some parts of the country justified boring experiments.

BRITISH AIR MINISTRY.

LONDON, October 16th.

In the House Commons, Mr. Bonar Law announced that a scheme constituting the Air Ministry would shortly be introduced. Meanwhile General Smuts would continue to supervise the Air Service.

KILLED IN ACTION.

LONDON, October 16th.

Lieutenant Allan Ives Steel, of the Coldstream, who came from Calcutta, is reported killed in action.

NORWAY'S SHIPPING LOSSES.

LONDON, October 16th.

Twenty-eight Norwegian ships were lost during September, of which 19, representing 30,000 tons, were due to "events of war."

FEMALE SPY EXECUTED.

PARIS, October 16th.

Marguerite Golle, the Parisian dancer known as "Matahari," who was sentenced to death on July 26th for espionage, has been executed.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

APPRECIATION OF STOCK.

LONDON, October 16th.

The feature of the Stock Exchange is a spurt in the Deferred shares of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, to 225, owing to rumours of a working arrangement with the P. and O. Company. [There has been a local "boom" in Indos today the quotation rising from \$105 to \$122.]

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

[BY COURTESY OF THE "CHUNG NGOI SAN PO."]

THE ATTACK ON SZECHWAN.

PEKING, October 17th.

Chu Tao-kon has wired to the Provinces stating that the attack on Szechwan by the Yunnan troops is illegal. Chang T'ai, the Governor of Szechwan arrived in Chengtu, on the 12th inst.

THE FLOODS.

The loan for the relief of distress caused by the flood at Tientsin was signed on the 15th. The sum is \$700,000.

* GOVERNOR OF KWANGTUNG.

Lung Chi-kwong has wired to Peking recommending the appointment of Li Chiao-pin as Tsuchun or Governor of Kwangtung. It is reported that if Kwangtung disobeys the Peking Government, Luk Wing-ting, Chen Ping-kwan and Tam Ho-ming will be dismissed.

RUSSIAN AFFAIRS.

WORKMEN'S AND SOLDIERS' DELEGATES APPEAL.

PETROGRAD, October 16th.

The Executive Central Committee of the Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates has issued appeals to the forces to vigorously resist the invaders. It promises to see that sacrifices are also made in the rear and to do its best to prevent the war lasting one day too long. Meanwhile a group of political undesirables, recently expelled from Russia but allowed to remain at Helsingfors by the local Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates there, have returned to Petrograd, while the chemists and chemists' assistants have decided to strike owing to the refusal of their economic demands.

NAVAL ACTIONS IN RIGA GULF.

RUSSIAN NAVY SINKS ENEMY TORPEDO-BOATS.

LONDON, October 16th.

A Russian official wireless message states:—A German Dreadnought shelled a patrol squadron off the Soela Sound, severely damaging the torpedo-boat Grom. Subsequently, twelve German torpedo-boats of the newest type penetrated the Soela Sound and engaged our patrol squadron. They put out of action the Grom's guns, and the Grom took fire and sank. The bulk of her crew was saved.

We sank an enemy torpedo-boat, and, other of our warships appearing on the scene, the enemy turned back. Our Fleet Commander testifies to the good firing and the stubborn spirit of the crews.

Eyewitnesses report that two enemy torpedo-boats were sunk and two damaged.

The enemy, re-inforced, continues to develop his success on Osel Island, and is endeavouring to capture the batteries at Ceres, covering the entrance to the Gulf of Riga.

GERMAN CLAIMS.

A German wireless official message states:—We have gained possession of the main portion of Osel Island.

The Russians are isolated on Sworbe Peninsula.

They are still desperately resisting. Only portions of the enemy on the East Coast escaped in the direction of Moon Island.

We have captured 2,400 prisoners, and have taken thirty guns and some aeroplanes.

We have occupied the islands of Rano and Abro.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, October 15th.

Silver is quoted at 43½ p.p. ounce. The supply exceeds the demand, and the market is dull.

"THE LIMIT OF HORROR"

"The limit of horror" of which the German war correspondents speak as having been reached by the French artillery in the preliminary bombardment at Verdun was produced by a giant gun throwing an enormous shell to a height of 30,000 ft. (about 5½ miles). M. Eugene Tardieu, in the *Echo de Paris*, says that at the moment of firing the effect is that of an earthquake, while the mere displacement of the air when the shell bursts is sufficient to hurl a man against a wall into little pieces. Nothing like the devastating effect of this cannon has been seen during the war.

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